

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

The year is flying by, school is almost out, and the Extension Office staff is gearing up for the summer 4-H activities! We are excited and hope to see lots of faces involved with the activities we have happening throughout the summer!

Many of you have purchased your livestock projects and have begun working with those animals to prepare them for the fair, please do not hesitate to contact Kandy if you need help, have questions or would like advice on feed and work routines! I would love to help! There is lots of information in this newsletter regarding livestock and the fair, please read the newsletter carefully and take note of that information. Validations/tag-ins are scheduled for the first week in June. All animals must be tagged in to show at any of the fairs, please plan accordingly! You may attend any one of the tag-in sites, choose one that fits your schedule.

We will begin contest practices this month; our first practices will be the Contest Countdown and resource pick-ups on May 8, 9, and 18. If you attend one of those, it will count for a practice score. To participate in District Contest or State Conference, members must have a minimum of two scores to qualify. We will schedule all practices following the Contest Countdown days and sign-ups.

We want to express our gratitude to the members and families who attended YGA and our county bowling night! Participation in activities helps to grow our members in so many ways! We always enjoy getting to spend time with your kids and getting to know each one of them and their amazing personalities!

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4-H Agent

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FCS Agent
County Director

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Ag Agent

Diana Wood

Program Asst.

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Admin. Asst.

4-H County Council Report

April had a lot to uncover this month so let's get to it! First off, we would like to thank you to all the people that helped or attended with YGA! We had 25 novice and juniors attend, 2 counselors in training, Jacob Clark and Talynn Wood, and three state leadership team members, Shaylee Priest, Kyle Wood and Reece Robb. We hope you all had a great time! Next, we hope everyone who attended our bowling night had an amazing time! We were extremely happy to see 39 of you come along with your parents or family members! Lastly, it's that time of year... the Contest Countdown is here. Drop into the Extension Office on any one of the following days to view information on available contests and learn about them, sign up to participate in county contests, and get your first score! You will be able to complete a portion of your contest for a practice credit. The dates are Friday, May 8th from 10am to 6pm, Saturday May 9th from 10 am - 3pm, and Monday May 18th from 5:30-8:30. He hope all of you can make it and have a great rest of your month from the Curry County 4-H Extension office!

Kyren Cortez -Curry County Council Reporter

Youth Get Away



Youth Get-Away (YGA) 2026, was held at Glorieta Adventure Camp on April 17-19. The theme this year was “The Game of 4-H”. During this event, participants had an opportunity to learn about a variety of projects, contests and leadership, as well as participate in community service projects! Twenty-five Curry County members attended YGA this year. Jacob Clark and Talynn Wood represented Curry County as Counselors-In-Training and did a great job working with the members. Shaylee Priest, Kyle Wood and Reece Robb continue to make us proud in their roles on the State Leadership team. Thank you to the parent chaperones who volunteered their time to go to YGA! Curry County 4-H members learned how to play the Game of 4-H very well and had a great time!

4-H Rodeo Schedule 2026

Sierra County – April 24-26
San Miguel County – June 13-14
San Juan County- July 11-12
Quay County – July 24-25
NM 4-H Rodeo Final - TBD



Rodeo paperwork was required to be submitted in February. If you need to complete entries or need your contestant number, please email Kandy at khutchin@nmsu.edu.



NM 4-H HORSE SHOW DATES

May 31st – Dona Ana County
June 6th – Roosevelt County*
June 13th – Grant County
August 9th – San Juan County
NMSF State Horse Show – TBD



*TBD if this show will count for points
**Curry County 4-H will host our own horse show in conjunction with the Curry County Fair, which will not be part of the State 4-H Horse Show Series.

SEWING WITH MS. TAMMY

MS. TAMMY (CURRY COUNTY 4-H SEWING LEADER) WILL BE HERE ON JUNE 1 TO HELP YOU WORK ON YOUR SEWING PROJECTS FOR COUNTY CONTEST AND THE FAIR. YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN MACHINE OR USE ONE OF OURS.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

PROJECT MANUAL

PATTERN(S)

FABRIC

NOTIONS/ACCESSORIES

THREAD

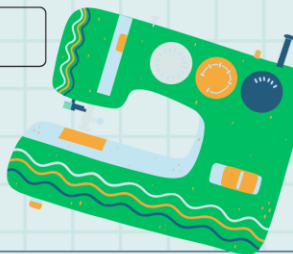
SEWING SUPPLIES
(PINS/SCISSORS/ETC)

SACK LUNCH

JUNE 1, 2026

9 AM – 3 PM

CURRY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE



REFER TO YOUR PROJECT MANUAL, FAIRBOOK AND CONTEST RULES FOR POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND REQUIREMENTS. THIS WILL TELL YOU WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING TO COMPLETE YOUR ITEM.

Validation Dates

Validation dates have been scheduled with the FFA advisors. You are **REQUIRED** to attend one of the validation dates to get your animals tagged and DNA pulled. Brand inspectors will be at each validation, so don't forget to bring your bills-of-sale and health certificates (out of state animals only). You can attend any of these dates, you don't have to attend the one in your community, just pick the one that works best for your schedule. There will be \$5/tag charge due at tag-in. *** Rabbits and Chickens will be required to be validated in person this year... validation dates TBD.*

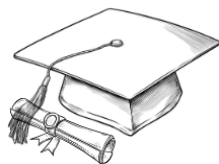
June 1st (MONDAY)	June 5th (FRIDAY)	June 6th (SATURDAY)
Clovis Ag Farm (7-10am) Melrose Ag Farm (6-8pm)	Texico Ag Farm (7-10am) Grady Schools (6-8pm)	Clovis Extension Building (7-10am)

SPECIAL AGE DIVISION RULE CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CURRY COUNTY FAIRBOARD

Any boy or girl that is 7 years old as of October 1 of the current year is eligible to show in the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, poultry and rabbit junior livestock market shows at the Curry County Fair (market is defined as animals that are eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale ie: Market Heifer, Poultry & Rabbit meat pen etc.). These exhibitors are held accountable by the Curry County Fair Board/Junior Livestock Committee and must attend four 4-H or FFA meetings or other Curry County 4-H and FFA community activities or events and provide a verification form at the time of entry. Animals must be validated during the county fair tag-in process, (verified attendance of the child at tag-in counts as a meeting). Entries will be subject to approval by the Curry County Fair Board.

THIS IS A RULE CHANGE FOR 2026!!

Membership for 4-H and FFA are not required. Verification forms will be available from the Curry County Extension Office. Reach out to the Curry County Fair Board for more information.



Seniors



CLASS OF 2026-2027

The Curry County Fair Board will be continuing the Senior Recognition program! Seniors will have a personalized banner that they will hang at the show ring prior to the swine show on Tuesday afternoon.

We need each senior (Class of 26-27) who will be participating in the fair to complete the google form, link below. Please reach out to Kandy Hutchins if you have questions.

2026 Seniors who received a banner last year please do not complete the survey again.

DUE : June 1st !!!

<https://forms.gle/2ghs7DUy1VUgVN5n6>

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Curry County Fair is scheduled for

August 10-15, 2026.

REMINDER:

All youth showing livestock are REQUIRED to attend at least four (4) club meetings. Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.

2026 Curry County Fair Judges

Poultry: David Frazier
Rabbit: Charlie Snider
Swine: Jake Dawson
Goats: Conner Brew
Sheep: Steve Sturtz
Beef: Wade Franklin
Dairy: Garrett Boer
County Bred Swine & Sheep:
David Frazier

May School Enrichment Highlight

The Curry County Extension Office is offering a new program for the month of May. Explore with your students' making bubbles, the science behind it all and a variety of challenges students can experiment with. The program is will come with a kit to make bubbles with your class and a few instruments to explore with the bubbles. Teachers will also receive a packet that gives you several activities, experiments and ideas on how to challenge your students to think outside the box. If you would like this for your class, please reach out to Diana Wood. woodd@nmsu.edu



The Extension Office would like to make you aware of the communications we use. We do our best to continually share information that you need to make the most of your 4-H experience. That means that you are responsible for making sure you are receiving all these communications. If you are not – please contact our office. If you are not getting mail or email, it means we do not have the most up-to-date info for your family. Please be on the lookout for the following things....

- 4-H Newsletter – the 4-H newsletter comes in the mail every month. It includes upcoming events, dates and deadlines. This is your first go to for all things 4-H. We also post it on our website (we are in the process of switching over our site and will have it posted asap).
- 4-H Website – our website is curryextension.nmsu.edu – click on the 4-H Youth Development tab on the right. This page has resources, forms, links to state 4-H information and county 4-H newsletters.
- 4-H Facebook Page – our Facebook page is NMSU Curry County 4-H (this is the official page and the only one we use – there is an old one out there, but current info is on NMSU Curry County 4-H). This is a public page – you do not have to have Facebook to use it – it works like a website. This is the quickest way for us to get out reminders and updates without flooding your email. We also share information from State 4-H and other groups that are relevant to the 4-H program.
- 4-H Emails – emails are sent with reminders and any updates we receive after the newsletter has been mailed. We also create emails specific to project areas and share links to resources as they become available. The email list is taken from the member email listed in ZSuites. If you are not receiving emails (several have gone out in the last month), notify our office – please check junk, spam and promotional folders. Log into Zsuites and check the email that is listed for contact and update if necessary (please let us know if you have updated your email). a
- 4-H Postcards – we mail out postcards for club meetings and special events as requested. As with the newsletter, we have to have your current address, to a mailbox you check regularly for you to receive them.

Here is how you can communicate with us – we welcome questions and we are here to help you. With over 200 youth in the program, the only way we know you are facing challenges or not receiving the appropriate information is if you tell us. You can also reach out to your club leaders.

- Call us – the office number is 575-763-6505; we do have voicemail
- Email us – the office email is: Office - curry@nmsu.edu; Mindy – midenny@nmsu.edu, Morgan – latimor5@nmsu.edu – or Kandy – khutchin@nmsu.edu (no 's') – Diana – woodd@nmsu.edu
- Come by – 600 Woods St. Clovis, NM - we are open 8 am – noon and 1 pm-5 pm
- Message us – you may send messages through the Facebook page as well - <https://www.facebook.com/NMSUCurryCounty4H>

Summer is already crazy busy! Please help us help you by making sure you are communicating with us and receiving all communications from our office.



**Beyond
Ready**

4-H Experience Pathway



EXPLORE

"I MIGHT LIKE TO DO THIS."



LEARN

"I CAN DO THIS."



PRACTICE

"I'M INTERESTED IN THIS."



EXPERIENCE

"I WILL BE THIS."

Stay Connected

**Find us on
Facebook:
NMSU Curry
County 4-H**

**Check your
email:
Look in your
junk, spam or
promo folder
and add us to
your safe
senders. If you
are not
receiving
emails, contact
the Extension
Office.**

**Read your
newsletter
and post-
cards!**

**Find past
newsletters
and info at
[https://curry
extension.n
msu.edu/](https://curry.extension.nmsu.edu/)**

4-H ENROLLMENT

- *Enrollment is open from October 1- March 1.*
- *Previous/Current Members Enrollment Deadline – January 15*
 - *Have been a member of 4-H in 2024-2025 or prior*
- *New Membership Enrollment Deadline– March 1st*
 - *Have never been enrolled in 4-H and are brand new members*
- The deadline to add projects is July 1.

4-H AGES for the 2025-2026 4-H Year

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	K, 1 st , 2 nd	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	6 th , 7 th	8 th & Up
Age as of January 1, 2026 - the current 4-H Year (October- September)	5, 6, 7 – 8 year olds in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

*Grade as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October-September).

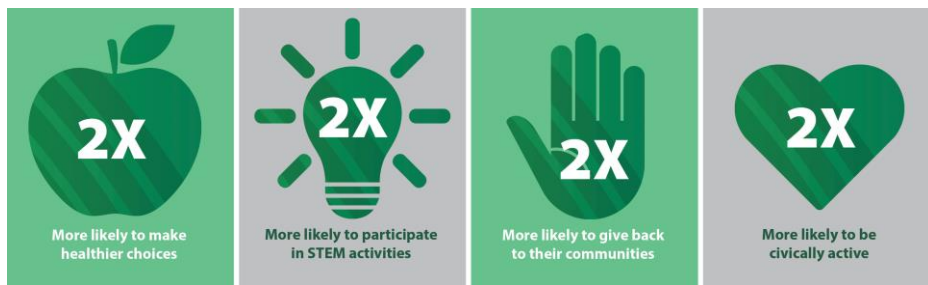
Accordingly, youth participate in summer and fall fair activities in the grade they just completed. These are standard grades based on public school general ages. Exceptions such as home or private schools or youth who have skipped a grade must be determined under the appropriate age.

Active Membership

Curry County 4-H members must maintain an “Active Membership” status prior to participation in 4-H Rodeo, County Contests, District and State Conference, or Junior Divisions of the Curry County Fair. An “active” member will be considered one who completes enrollment prior to *January 15th or March 1*, attends four (4) or more regularly scheduled 4-H meetings. No more than two (2) meetings in any given month will count toward the membership requirement. Meetings count during the 4-H year which is October 1st through September 30th.

Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
May 8	Contest Countdown – Extension Office 10am-6pm
May 9	Contest Countdown – Extension Office 10am-3pm
May 18	Contest Countdown & County Council Meeting – 5:30pm-8:30pm
May-June-July	<i>Contest Practices – schedule will be released once Contest Countdown and sign-ups have concluded</i>
June 1	Sewing Workshop with Tammy Dunlap – Extension Office 9am-3pm
June 1-6	Junior Livestock Validation/Tag-In Dates
June 16-18	Southeast District Contest – Quay County
June 25	Project Workday & Cloverbud Workshop – info coming soon
<i>July 1</i>	<i>Last Day to Add Projects</i>
July 14-17	State 4-H Conference
July 23	Project Workday & Cloverbud Workshop – info coming soon
August 1	<i>Entry Deadline for Curry County Fair and NM State Fair</i>
August 10-15	Curry County Fair
September 10-20	NM State Fair
October 5-10	Eastern NM State Fair



Notes from the NMSU Campus



May – Jump Into Campus Life

Looking ahead to college? Getting involved early will help you feel right at home. Whether it's clubs, cultural groups, or student government, there's a place for you at NMSU. See all the ways to connect at studentlife.nmsu.edu.



CURRY COUNTY 4-H CONTESTS

2026

4-H LOOKS GOOD ON YOU



Contest Countdown Orientation & Sign UP

Drop in to the Extension Office on any
one of the following days to:

- View available contests and learn what they are about.
- Sign up to participate in county contests.
- Get your first score – you will be able to complete a portion of your contest for a practice credit.

Friday, May 8 – 10 am-6 pm

Saturday, May 9 – 10 am-3 pm

Monday, May 18 – 5:30-8:30*

***Join us for our County Council Meeting at 6**

The amount of time you need to stay will depend on
how many contests you want to participate in.



County awards and teams for District and State
will be based on practice scores. A participant
must have at least two scores to qualify. Full
practice schedules will be made available after
Contest Countdown Days.

CONTACT MINDY OR KANDY IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. 575-763-6505